



STINGER SPORTS

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NEAR PERFECT STINGERS AT 9-1

The Concordia University Basketball Stingers, under head coach Doug Daigneault and assistants Andy Mezey and John Dore, head into the Christmas break with a near perfect record of 9 wins in 10 starts. The Stingers only loss in the first half came in the final of their own Bob Lunny - Tip-Off Tournament, an 88-85 overtime cliff-hanger to Maritime powerhouse Dalhousie. Since that defeat in early November, Concordia has reeled off seven straight victories, including two tournament championships. The Stingers defeated Guelph, McMaster and Ryerson to win the McMaster Early-Bird Tournament (November 19th, 20th & 21st) and then followed up with wins over Ottawa and Clarkson to capture the Clarkson Invitational a week later.

Concordia has been led by All-Canadian Gary McKeigan averaging 19.7 ppg and 5.7 rebounds, while 7 foot centre Rocco Margoian has chipped in with 17.6 ppg and 11.1 rebounds. Rookies Craig Norman (16.0 ppg - 5.1 rebounds) and Biagio Caresse (10.9 ppg - 5.7 rebounds) have joined veteran Steve MacNeill (5.9 ppg - 2.6 rebounds) to give Concordia a solid starting five. The Stingers are also being bolstered by the return of guard Rodney Jeanty, a late addition who played in only one game in the first half.

The Stingers resume action during the Christmas holidays at the York University Tournament on December 27, 28 and 29 in Toronto. Concordia is at home January 6th and 7th in the Annual London Life Centennial Tournament as hosts to McGill, Queen's and Keene State.

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